

Begbroke Parish Council

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MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF BEGBROKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN BEGBROKE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 3RD JUNE 2019 AT 6.30 PM

1 Present:

1.1 Cllr Malcolm Ryder (Chair; Cllr David Wintersgill (Vice Chair); Cllr Lindsay Gregory; Cllr Beverly Napier; Cllr Leslie Allen; Darron Rudkins; Cllr Nigel Simpson (Gosford & Water Eaton PC) Jeffrey Wright - Clerk;

Apologies:

1.2 Cllr Billington

2 Read and Confirm Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the meeting Monday 8th April 2019 were confirmed as a true record.

3 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Gifts or Hospitality

3.1 None

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1. Members confirmed Disclosures of Interest and election expenses from CDC

4.2 Clerk has written to CDC Enforcement regarding Motor Village Activities. Outcome awaited.

4.2 No other matters arising

5 A44 and Begbroke Science Park

5.1 VAR sign progress - now delayed for another 10 days or so.

5.2 Highway markings and cameras. Clerk reported it was difficult obtaining information from OCC. However, a resident had given an excellent summation of his assessment and this had been circulated to Yarnton PC and District Councillors. He considered that the service road and hedge would be removed as well as the roundabout with a two-lane highway in each direction with a bus lane. The clerk had also circulated e mails received from Yarnton parish council who had also been trying to obtain information. Briefly one said "all these surveys are all part of work looking at providing bus and cycle connectivity into the city centre. We'll prepare a full email for everyone and get that sent round early next week. Once the feasibility work has concluded we will also present the findings to local councillors and the wider public" but another from OCC stated, "Data is being gathered so that a pedestrian/cyclist model of the area can be created". The suspicion by the parish council is that it is for the benefit of developers hoping to build on the local green belt. It was decided that the clerk ask the cost of these surveys and who is paying especially considering the enormous sums spent by CDC on their Review of their plans. Cllr Allen has written to OCC about the cameras and to see if anyone had spotted who vandalised the notice board.

6 Reports from County/District Councillors/Other contributors

6.1 County Councillor – not present.

6.2 Cherwell District Councillor – not present.

6.3 Other contributors – Nigel Simpson – said he was not elected to CDC or Kidlington Parish Council but is now a councillor for Gosford and Water Eaton Parish Council. Wasted land in Oxford was discussed as it could be used for housing.

7 Council Representatives.

7.1 BVHMC Report – no meeting

7.2 London Oxford Airport Consultative Meeting – no meeting.

8 New Business

8.1 Darron Rudkins - application for co-option as new committee member – his application was considered, and he was unanimously co-opted to the committee and signed his acceptance of office. Clerk to arrange for Disclosure of Interests from Elections Officer and training courses.

8.2 Notice board Vandalised – replacement fitted by Baylee Construction.

9 Planning

9.1 19/00144/TCA McEwen T1 Holly Crown Reduction, The Old Rectory 4 St Michaels Lane – no objections.

9.2 19/00551/F Tralee House, 18 Woodstock Road East, Begbroke. Replacement of a single storey conservatory at the rear of the property – permission granted subject to conditions.

9.3 Cherwell Local Plan Examination Hearings February 2019 – updates

9.4 19/00523/F Whitehead Kettlewell Property Ltd Veterinary Surgery 40 Woodstock Road East - consent

10 Correspondence (see register for full details of postal correspondence)

10.1 See 11.1.1 and 11.5.1

11 Financial Matters

11.1. Grant Information/Grant Applications/receipts

11.1.1. None

11.2 Balances and Liabilities and Income

11.2.1 Balance £13,705 (Money) Bank Statements (28/05/2019) : Current £12,122.79 Reserve £1,902.37

11.2.2 Liabilities £1001.00 approx. Transfer of funds: £0.00; Income Bank interest £0.33

11.3 Expenditure

11.3.1 Nr Prickett Grass Cutting Invoice 987 £666.00 CN: 788

11.3.10 Other invoices

11.4 Quotations/Tenders

11.4.1 None

11.5 Bank Matters

11.5.1

11.6 Other Financial Matters

11.6.1

12 Health and Safety Matters

12.1 Received playground inspection report from Cllr Allen

12.2 Play area – lubrication of swing hangers was discussed and a trip hazard in the climbing frame area. Clerk to look at with Baylee Construction.

13 Training

13.1 Training requests.

14 Freedom of information requests/receipts

14.1 None

15 Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byway (RUPP)

15.1 Footpath amendments, anomalies and additions – the new government rules on designating footpaths was discussed. All unrecorded footpaths and bridleways created before 1949 cannot be recorded after 1 January 2026.

15.2. Footpath issues: The outstanding issue with the triangular area from St Michaels Lane to the front of Orchard House was discussed. The clerk said he had met Mr Miles of Orchard House and had had an informal discussion with him when they set out their positions and possible ways to resolve. In order to dedicate a footpath someone must own the land over which it passes. In 2014 OCC said that Begbroke Public Footpath 5 is an anomaly on the Definitive Map and Statement as it does not connect with St Michaels Lane. The definitive map showed the footpath (or highway) to the corner of the church wall and not continuing to St Michaels Lane. OCC said in writing they only maintained highway to the gate (Mr Miles does on the western side) whilst historical evidence showed it as highway which continued to the wooden post on the north eastern corner elevation of the house. The footpath then continued to Bladon. There is a gate in the wall to the burial ground which previously were allotments owned by The Duke of Marlborough. This land was sold to the church in 1946.

The committee realised that a decision needed to be made for the continued benefit of the general public and to Mr and Mrs Miles – especially if there was a change of owner who may have a different view. Accordingly, the committee unanimously withdrew their objection to adverse possession claim - specifically *only* the triangular area marked in red on the Land Registry drawing plan 5 (the small yellow area shown on plan 6 which is part of the red outlined triangle) is already registered to Mr Miles) and provided that at the time Mr Miles registers the land in his name, that a final section of footpath 5 from Bladon to St Michaels Lane is dedicated as footpath as well as an easement for the Church to have access to the burial ground for suitable excavation equipment. All actions are to occur simultaneously and are dependent on each other. Clerk is to contact Mr Miles and Amada Benham our legal advisor to complete the legal steps necessary. Attachments to minutes are LR Plan 3, LR Plan 5; LR Plan 6; Attachment one (OCC) and OCC Definitive map showing FP 5

15.3 Two trees in Begbroke Lane are still leaning. Clerk said landowner had been contacted by OCC without response (for the tree N. 51.823588333333 Longitude W. 1.30604166667) reported 10th April 2019.

16 Website

16.1 Website was reviewed.

17 Proposed dates of the Next Meeting (s):

17.1 2019 – Monday July 1st 6.30pm

Signed Chairman/Vice Chairman

July 1st, 2019